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The generous cooperation of I.L.A. members in response to requests for information and news is much appreciated. This interest and thoughtful comment from the membership is a major contribution to the success of our magazine.

Report from I. L. A.'s President

The Tri-state conference next fall is becoming more than a distant dream. On December 11 representatives of the three associations met at Columbus, Ohio to discuss the program for the joint sessions and to set in motion the process of correspondence and phone calls to secure acceptance by the speakers chosen. At the suggestion of the ILA-ILTA Executive Boards, Harriet Carter has investigated the possiblity of special bus service to and from Cincinnati. Her report is published in this issue of *FOCUS*. But whether you travel by ILA bus or by helicopter, begin now to plan to attend the conference, November, 3, 4, and 5, 1955.

Three years ago, ILA and ILTA, through a Subcommittee on District Planning, suggested new boundaries and organization for the District Meetings held each spring, with the recommendation that the proposed program be considered a three-year experiment. This spring, therefore, we will want to examine the merits of this District Meeting plan and decide whether we wish to continue it. At their December 3 meeting, the Executive Boards of ILA and ILTA appointed an Evaluation Committee, composed of the six district chairmen for this year, the two co-ordinators,and Harriet Carter, head of the Extension Division of the State Library. This committee is to prepare an evaluation sheet which will be distributed at the District Meetings. The results of this questionnaire will be reported in the fall issues of *Library Occurrent* and *FOCUS*, and later, at the Fall Conference in 1955, where it will be presented for discussion.

At its December 3 meeting also the ILA Executive Board considered the matter of reimbursement for travel expense incurred by ILA committee members. It was decided that round-trip train or bus fare, or six cents per mile if automobile is used, plus cost of luncheon and of parking fee, will be paid by ILA funds. This allowance will apply to one meeting a year for each committee. Members of the committee may submit claims direct to ILA'S Treasurer. If additional meetings are necessary, the chairman should apply in advance to the President and Treasurer for permission to claim reimbursement for added committee travel expense. Of course, it is understood that the Executive Board, Library Action and Legislative Committees, which carry on extensive programs, will meet more frequently and that travel allowances will be a routine matter. This action on expenses was voted effective December 2, 1954. The Board hopes that this provision for some out-of-pocket expense incident to ILA work may encourage members to feel free to accept committee appointments.

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FILM CIRCUIT CONSIDERED

About twenty Indiana librarians met at the close of the State Conference to discuss the possibility of establishing a circuit collection of films in Indiana. There was a lively discussion on film circuits in general and on the advantages to be gained in initiating such a project among libraries in this state. Stillman Taylor, Terre Haute, and Roger Francis, South Bend, volunteered to serve as co-chairmen of a committee to study the problem further.

Some of the public libraries represented were Hammond, Berne, Gary, South Bend, Plymouth, East Chicago, Scott County, Muncie, Indianapolis, Switzerland County, and Goshen. Librarians who were unable to attend the meeting but are interested in the development of a film circuit project in Indiana are invited to write to one of the co-chairmen.

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I	May 5	Plymouth
II	May 4	Bluffton
III	April 28	Greencastle
IV	May 3	Anderson
V	April 27	Vincennes
VI	April 25	Batesville

RECRUITING PROGRAM

The I.L.A. Recruitment Committee urgently needs librarians throughout the state to serve as county co-ordinators to expedite the recruiting program on the local level. The county co-ordinator plays a vital role in the Indiana Recruiting Program. He enlists the active assistance of other librarians in the county in conducting career conferences in high schools and colleges, in meeting with adult groups in the county to explain the needs of librarianship, and in planning for any other type of recruiting program that may seem feasible in that community. The co-ordinator in turn reports recruiting activities in his county to the Recruitment Committee, which can pass on these ideas to be used by other co-ordinators in the state.

To date, thirty-four counties out of ninety-two have active county co-ordinators. It is hoped that replies will soon be received from the other fifty-eight counties where the committee has asked librarians to serve as spark-plugs for the recruiting program.

Members of the committee are: Chairman, Elizabeth Hayden, Children's Room, Muncie Public Library; Mrs. Phoebe Diederich, assistant librarian, Broad Ripple High School, Indianapolis; Mrs. Mabel Walker, Librarian, I. U. School of Dentistry; and Hazel Warren, Division of Certification and Placement, Indiana State Library (ex officio).

MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO ILA MEMBERS

"Everybody's future—automation" will be the subject of an address by Richard K. Lotz at the annual open meeting of the Indiana chapter of S.L.A., on Friday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the World War Memorial Auditorium, Indianapolis.

Each year, through this open meeting, the state chapter of the Special Libraries Association brings to the attention of businessmen in the community some special information or service of benefit to industry.

Mr. Lotz, regional manager for "Automation Magazine", will discuss the various types of control and accounting tasks which electronic equipment can perform, emphasizing the fact that such new devices supplement rather than replace the work of employees.

All members of ILA are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear an authoritative presentation of an important new field.

The Ohio Valley Regional Group of Catalogers will meet this spring at Bloomington, Indiana, on Friday, April 29.

A panel discussion on the 16th edition of Dewey will be of particular interest to librarians throughout the state. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to express opinion on classification problems for this new edition of Dewey now in progress, and school and public librarians are urged to be present to join in the exchange of ideas.

The first session will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, with a talk on the A.L.A. Code revision, followed by the panel discussion. At the informal dinner meeting, Miss Winifred Ver Nooy, Reference Librarian, University of Chicago Library, will speak on slants on the present-day catalog from a reference point of view.

Reservations for those who wish to remain over night may be made in the Union Building, where the meeting will be held, at the time of registration, or by mail in advance, mentioning the conference.

Additional information may be obtained from Edna Wells, Catalog Librarrian, Indiana University Libraries, or Maysel Baker, Division of Library Science, I. U., the co-chairmen for the program.

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BY BUS TO CINCINNATI

It appears that it will be easy to get to Cincinnati for the Tri-State conference from almost any part of Indiana; librarians and trustees have several choices of arrangements, according to information secured from the principal bus lines.

Regular

The regular bus would be used by individuals traveling independently. Regular fares would be charged, the regular schedule of stops observed, the usual changes made (one from most places), with arrival and departure from bus stations.

The fares listed below are regular round trip rates from a few selected points. Rates do not include the Federal transportation tax of 10%; if the library is paying the fare, a tax exemption certificate (U. S. Treasury Form 731) should be filed when the ticket is purchased. At the present time round trip rates, not including tax, are as follows:

Brazil	$ 7.40
Evansville	9.75
Fort Wayne	7.15
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Indianapolis	4.90
Kokomo	7.20
Lafayette	7.65
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Peru	8.20
South Bend	10.90
Terre Haute	7.85

(Note: A special group rate on regular buses is in effect now for groups of three or more traveling together. This may or may not be in effect next November.)

Special

Arrangements may be made for special buses. For these the bus company requires a minimum of 32 persons leaving one place at one time, allowing pickups at intermediate points for 5 additional passengers to fill the bus to capacity. The regular fare would be charged each person, unless the special group rate is in effect, as noted before. A special time schedule would be made, probably somewhat shortening the usual amount of time needed for the trip. Buses would go directly to the hotel or to any other location desired in Cincinnati.

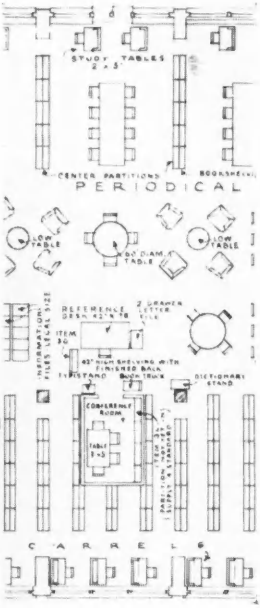
Charter

A chartered bus is another possibility. The company does not require a guaranteed minimum number of passengers; each bus can be chartered to start at a given point with any number of passengers, making any number of pickups, to capacity, along the way. A flat rate for the bus is charged to the organization, and the organization has to sell tickets in advance at a pro-rated fare sufficient to cover the cost of the charter. Fares on a chartered bus are apt to cost more than on a regular or special bus.

The bus would go directly to the hotel or any other location desired in Cincinnati. It would be kept in Cincinnati, and for a per mile additional cost would be available for sightseeing trips in the city during the conference.

Schedules from some of the more distant places show that it will be necessary to leave the day before the conference opens in order to arrive there for the first session on Thursday afternoon. Special or chartered busses would shorten the time somewhat. The companies have offered to supply schedules in quantity around September 15, 1955, after the fall time tables have been settled.

This information on regular, special, and chartered buses is being supplied far in advance of the event, so that members who may be interested in special arrangements may make their wishes known to the officers of I.L.A.



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NEWS: PERSONNEL IN INDIANA LIBRARIES

(Appointments and resignations of Head Librarians are recorded in Library Occurrent.)

Mrs. Mary T. Howe, head, Extension Department, Evansville Public Library, resigned November 25 to become assistant librarian, Public Library, Decatur, Illinois.

Jane Copeland Habegger, formerly assistant, Bloomington Public Library, is now Young People's Librarian, Muncie Public Library.

Mrs. Flora Karsell has been appointed to the new position of Business and Industry Specialist, Evansville Public Library.

Keith C. Knight is the new Reference Librarian, Muncie Public Library. He was formerly Extension Librarian, Delaware County Public Library, Ohio.

Edgar Chamberlain, formerly on the staff of Indianapolis Public Library, and more recently at Kansas City Public Library, has returned to Indiana as head of the Business and Industry Branch of the South Bend Public Library.

H. S. L. A.

A very young but active library organization held its sixth annual conference on October 2 on the Ball State campus in Muncie. More than seven hundred students and librarians were present, in contrast to the fifty who founded the Hoosier Student Librarians Association in 1948.

The program included business meeting, mixer, campus tours, a football game, and an address by John Moriarty, Purdue University Libraries.

Public library pages, as well as student assistants in school libraries, are eligible for membership. Larry Wilhoite, Lawrence Central High School, was elected president for this coming year.

REPORT ON ILA SCHOLARSHIPS

Five years ago the members of I.L.A. voted to broaden the Loan Fund to include scholarship aid for college students and library staff members who wished to secure further professional training. Since that time, $3600 has been awarded to eighteen persons.

During the past year, grants were made to Lila Brady, Indianapolis, for work toward her master's degree at the University of Illinois, and to Patricia Wiggins, Marion, for undergraduate study in library science, also at the University of Illinois.

The Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee, which represents the Association in making such awards, believes that the scholarship assistance which I.L.A. can offer is one of the vital projects of the association and helps in no small measure to strengthen the library profession in Indiana.

Application for scholarships for the summer session 1955, or the academic year 1955-56, may be submitted to Esther Schlundt, Purdue University Libraries, chairman. Other members of the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee are: Inez Paul, Public Library, South Bend; Maxine Batman, Public Library, Vincennes; and, ex-officio, the president and past-president of I.L.A., and the director of the State Library.

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NEWS: LIBRARY SERVICES IN INDIANA

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Evansville Public Library prepared its 1954 annual report for the public in the form of a one-minute, black and white, 35mm. film strip, with sound, to be shown in local movie theatres. Four scenes were used: the front of Central Library, a collection of various types of library materials, their new Young Adult Room, and the new Glenwood Branch. The library now has a 16mm. copy for use on their projector.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES

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Purdue University Libraries, in conjunction with station WBAA, produced a Radio Book Festival this fall. The programs consisted of interviews, individual and group discussions, and news items by and about Indiana people who are or were connected with the book world. Subjects ranged from "Elihu Stout, Indiana's first printer", presented by Valerie Knerr, Purdue Libraries, to "Teen-age Book Selection," discussed by Margarita Corbaci, Young People's Librarian, South Bend Public Library.

SUPPLYING A NEED

The Bureau of Public Discussion at Indiana University offers a variety of material on current topics as an aid in planning club study programs, preparing for group discussions, or for individual study.

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Resolutions for 1955

We shall continue to avail ourselves of the latest technological advances so as to make our plant operations more efficient.

We shall continue providing the most rapid plant processing of your materials consistent with quality control.

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